

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA  
ABSTRACT

LAW OFFICERS – The Telangana Law Officers (Appointment and Conditions of Service) Instructions, 2000 – Appointment of Standing Counsel to Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) in Lower Courts – Amendment of Instructions - Orders –Issued.

**Law (D) Department**

G.O.Rt.No. 108

Dated: 08-02-2020

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.187, Law Department, dated: 06.12.2000.
2. From the Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), Hyderabad, Lr.No.Legal/ GHMC/2018, dated 30.06.2018 addressed to the Principal Secretary, MA&UD Department.
3. Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department, U.O.No.9320 / GHMC-I / 2018, dated 09.07.2018 & 24.07.2019.

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ORDER:

In the circumstances reported by the Commissioner, GHMC in his letter second read above, the following amendment is issued to the Telangana Law Officers (Appointment and Conditions of Service) Instructions, 2000, issued in the G.O. first read above:-

**AMENDMENT**

In the Telangana Law Officers (Appointment and Conditions of Service) Instructions, 2000,-

1. After instruction 5, the following new instruction shall be inserted, namely:-

**“5-A. Appointment of Standing Counsels for Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) in the District Courts and City Courts subordinate to the High Court:**

(1) The Appointment of Standing Counsel for Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) in the Courts or Tribunals in the Districts shall be out of a panel of five names of Advocates recommended by the Commissioners of Municipal Corporations in the State, who shall ascertain the considered views of the concerned District and Sessions Judge and shall verify the antecedents of the incumbents before making the recommendations.

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(2) The Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) shall prepare a panel of Advocates well in Advance before expiry of the term of incumbents and send the same to the Government for consideration.

**Note-I:** While recommending panels, the District Judge may obtain the Bio-data from such of the Advocates whom he/she considers to be fit for appointment and send a panel of eligible candidates on that basis without calling for Bio-data from all the Advocates having a particular standing.

**Note-II:** The Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) shall, while making a recommendation to the Government, furnish the following particulars, in respect of advocates included in the panel, which shall pertain to a period of three years immediately preceding the year in which the recommendation is made and which shall be in a full and complete form and adequate for the purpose of the selection; i.e., Qualification, age, Social Status, Standing at the Bar as an advocate, nature of practice, the number of suits, appeals and the like conducted, the amount of Income Tax, if any paid, general antecedents, efficiency, reliability, an appraisal by the District Judge about the nature and quality of advocacy, general repute and personality.

(3) No person shall be eligible for appointment as Standing Counsel for Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) unless he has atleast ten years standing at the Bar.

(4) On receipt of a panel sent by the Commissioner of the Municipal Corporation under sub-instruction (1), the Government in Law Department shall consider the same and appoint one among the panel as Standing Counsel for a term prescribed under instruction 8 or call for a fresh panel.

(5) The Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) shall submit a fresh panel as called for under sub-instruction (4) in the same manner as above for consideration."

2. In Instruction 16, after sub-instruction (1), the following sub-instruction shall be inserted namely:-

"(1A) Every Standing Counsel appointed under instruction 5-A shall submit a monthly self appraisal as detailed above to the Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC)."

3. In Instruction 17, after sub-instruction (2), the following sub-instruction shall be inserted namely:-

“(2A) The Commissioner, Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) shall review the performance of the Standing Counsels once in two months and send his report to Law Department through the Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department for necessary action.”

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

**A. SANTHOSH REDDY,  
Secretary to Government,  
Legal Affairs, Legislative Affairs & Justice.**

To  
The Commissioner,  
Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation,  
Hyderabad.

Copy to: All the District Collectors.

- ,, : All the District & Sessions Judges Courts.
- ,, : Advocate General, Telangana.
- ,, : Additional Advocate General, Telangana.
- ,, : All the Standing Counsels for GHMC in the District Courts  
and City Courts subordinate to the High Court.
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